

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 19-21 are pending in the application. Claim 6 has been cancelled by this amendment. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7-16, and 19-21 are at issue.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of originally filed, and now cancelled, claim 6. Claim 21 has been amended to correct the pendency of this claim in view of the amendment to claim 1.


Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,686,414 ('414). Claims 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 19, and 20 are objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, applicants incorporate the features of allowable claim 6 into independent claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn. In addition, it is submitted that claims 2-5, 7-16, and 19-21, each of which depend from claim 1 directly or indirectly, also are allowable. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that all pending claims are in a form and scope for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

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